THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: I Samuel 8-11.
Devotional Reading: I Samuel 12:19-24.

Officer Material

Lesson for April 12, 1959

THE NAVY HAS a word for a school where men from the ranks are studying to be commissioned officers: the "Officers' Material School." Not every enlisted man can be admitted; only those who seem to have what it is going to take to be an officer, and that is a good deal.

Dr. Foreman

The Bible tells a story of a man from the ranks who was good "officer material" but who (like some Navy candidates) flunked out. He did not fail, however, for lack of the stuff of which success can be made. Next week's study concerns his failure; this week's thought is given to what could have been his success. He held a good hand, we may say, but he played it badly.

Head and Shoulders

Look over the cards he held. First, he had what everyone noticed the first moment they looked at him: he stood out in any crowd, head and shoulders above the rest. He would have sat tall in the saddle (only no one around there rode horseback); he stood tall on the ground. He was strong enough to butcher and cut up a yoke of oxen by himself, and in a fight he had proved himself a lion. Men have been successes in life without extraordinary strength; but for a leader of men, a store of extra power and energy is important. Some investigator found that executives in business are on an average, taller and heavier than the men lower down the ladder. The executive needs the extra power for the extra drive. But of course a giant can be a fool. You cannot predict how much of a leader a man will be merely by measuring the distance from his crew-cut to his heels.

"When they molded him, they molded heels the mold." (I'm afraid of some people. It could have been said of Saul. He was not only head and shoulders taller than most, he was a head smarter than most. Good brains, originality—always high cards in the game of life. Some people with original minds are quiet, mousy—and un-noticed. If to originality there are added force of character, a quick habit of decision, a forthright approach to all problems—then you have the makings of a great leader. Now Saul started out as such a man. We read of him that a foreign army was besieging the city of Jabesh, and threatened to make a "treaty" by putting out the right eye of every man in the town. All Israel heard about it, and there was loud wailing in the land. But when the news came to Saul he did not weep a tear. He took a yoke of oxen, cut them up with his own hands, sent pieces around to every tribe, with the message: Be at Jabesh, ready to fight, or have your oxen made into soup-meat like this!" It may have been rough, but it got results.

A Modest Patriot

Above all, the Israelites were looking for a man who loved his country, the whole land and people of Israel. Saul by his action at Gilead had proved himself such a person. He not only would make a sacrifice for his country's sake, he had the ability to inspire others also. He had shown there too that he placed the interests of the tribes as a whole above the interests of any one tribe or city; and that conversely the fate of any one city was the concern of all. Our country could use more patriots of this stripe today, men who like George Washington can see beyond the limits of their own state and live as citizens of the American Union. We need men who will not be indifferent to the troubles of other parts of our land, who realize that the tragedy or the glory of one city is the tragedy or the glory of all.

We don't need men who shout and brag about how much they love their country. Senators Snort and Phogbound are always with us; but politics with them is a way of making money without too much work. Patriotism is nothing to be shouted about; it is a quality that shines best in a modest life. Saul at the beginning was almost too self-effacing. The office had to seek him, and that was good. He was king only because the people demanded him and God through the prophet destined him.

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Washington Notes

World Wool Output Up

World wool production in 1958 has been estimated at 5,030,000,000 pounds by the Foreign Agricultural Service. This is about 1 per cent above 1957 production, but is slightly below the 1956 record.

The increase in 1958 is largely due to an expected rise in Australia following plentiful rains, and a continued increase in Soviet Russia and New Zealand. Production in this country increased about 1 per cent, but declines were reported for Argentina and Uruguay.

Russian production has increased 60 per cent since 1950.

Budget Row

Senator Byrd (D., Va.) says he has urged President Eisenhower to veto Democratic - sponsored spending bills and take his fight for a balanced budget to the country

Byrd, who heads the Senate Finance Committee, said he had pledged his active support for an all-out fight to keep income and expenditures in balance in the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Living Costs To Drop?

The government has issued its newest compilation of living costs, for February, with advance indications they have remained steady just a notch below the record.

The index was 123.8 per cent of the 1947-48 average in January. This was just a fraction below the record of 123.9 set last July and equalled in November.

Living costs tabilized early last year and have fluctuated within an extremely narrow range ever since.

Voting Age Hit

"Only hoary custom is against it," says Senator Keating (R., N.Y.) of his proposed constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 18 in every state.

TOBACCO BLUE MOLD WARNINGS GIVEN

Tobacco blue mold, a disease which can wipe out the tobacco crop if not controlled, has begun its annual trek up from the South toward Virginia.

And S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI, has issued his annual warning to Virginia tobacco growers to stand by with spray rig and chemicals.

Blue mold appeared in Louisiana and South Carolina in March, and usually shows up in North Carolina in April, sometimes arriving in Virginia a couple of weeks later. Be ready to deal with the disease if and when it strikes, Fenne advises. Have sprayers ready, and chemicals located. Be sure nozzles and hose are in working condition. Check the pump to be sure corrosion has not damaged it. See that the packing works.

Blue mold is easy to recognize. Infected leaves have a bluish, cottony mold on the undersides. Diseased plants have a lighter green color at first, and then wilt as if they have been scalded. Fenne says to start spraying when the plants are size of a dime. Put on two applications a week, and a third application if a treatment is washed off by rain. Continue treating until the plants are transplanted.

Money Sweet-talks

A judge observes that some wives are affectionate only when they want money. That's often enough for some fellows. —The Worcester, Mass., Telegram.

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House Passes Bill

The House has passed and sent to the Senate a bill to increase the amount which the Agriculture Department can spend during the rest of the current school year for the special school milk program.

Under present law, the department can spend $75,000,000. The bill passed by the House would increase this to $78,000,000.

Evergreen

Evergreen, April 7.- A number from here attended the Hazel Moon Group IV W. M. U. spring meeting at Central Baptist Church on Sunday P. M.

Mrs. Nellie Paulette and daughters visited the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Green at South Boston recently.

Mrs. Glenn Martin has returned home from the hospital, much improved.

Miss Doris Clapp, of Longwood College spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mr. Jay Clapp and family.

Little Linda Lou Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harvey had her tonsils removed last week at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. Emmitt Paulette is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Marshall and family, and Mr. Ernest Snipes, of N. C., visited Mrs. Christine Childress recently.

Mrs. Annie Paulette was luncheon guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar.

Mrs. Ronald Paulette has been a patient at Lynchburg Hospital. We hope she may have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer LeGrand, Jr. and family visited Mr. A. A. LeGrand recently.

Mrs. Roy Keys is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and family, of Lynchburg, were Mr. and Mr. J. M. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Farrar and daughter, Patsy, and Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson were luncheon guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Can the old-style weather calendars, with their day-by-day predictions of the weather, possibly achieve any degree of accuracy?

No, the day-by-day weather forecasting calendar cannot be accurate. That is because they are distributed over a wide area and the weather is different at various places on the same day.

Moreover, these calendars are printed more than a year in advance. The government's best forecasts are not claimed reliable for any lengthy period such as this. And the government forecasts miss frequently, even for short periods.

The weather calendars are interesting and they sometimes happen to be right. So is a pin's point accuracy. But don't bet on it when it is important. The best weather bureau, even they may be wrong.

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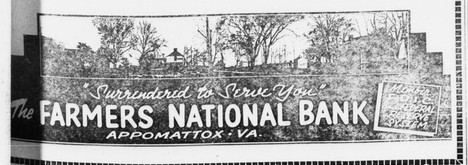

180 Elem. Students Had Perfect Attendance in Mar.

Although many children had to miss school on account of sickness, last week in Covington and Pope with relatives.

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Seventh grade, Mrs. Jean A. Hesson: Earl Day, G. H. Jamerson, Doug Mitchell, Donald Notestein, Richard Smith, Joe Terry, Rodney Todd, Linda Carter, Evelyn Greene, Jane Stanley, Paula Thompson, Jane Wilson, Mike Mitchell.

Sixth grade, Mrs. Ola S. Furbush: Kenneth Ferguson, James Gurney, Ray J. Lewis, Joe Mayberry, Clem O'Brien, Lynd Staten, Freddy Thomas, Eugene Williams, Dale Doss, Melanie Green, Anita Richardson, Mary Yancey Spencer, Marie Scott, Judy Smith, Lois Woods, Hilda Rigney, Joe Mayberry.

Sixth grade, Mrs. Ethel A. Evans: James Cravens, Eugene Phelps, Claude Richardson, George Scruggs, Eugene Shirey, Gayle Watson, Carolyn Cordell, Joan Ferguson, Patricia Ferguson, Donna Guill, Susan O'Brien, Patricia Pankey, Katursh Smith, Jeannette Williams.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Isabelle Ligon: Charles Doss, Earl Martin, Pat Mayberry, Irie Mays, Kenneth Wilkins, Daniel Williams, Nancy Cole, Helen Garrett, Lynda Hall, Susan Jennings, Glenda Richardson.

Fifth grade, Mrs. Harriette Cunningham: Charles Blackwell, Lawrence Byers, Michael Johnson, Scottie Morris, James Mann, Charles Wallace, Linda Rogers.

Fourth and Fifth grades, Mrs. Virginia Cyrus: Ken Coleman, Alvin Franklin, Jonnie Johnson, Dan Mabley, Donald Ray Martin, Joel Watson, Nadine Grisham, Delores Wooten, Tommy Burkey, Randy Ferguson, Delly O'Brien.

Fourth grade, Mrs. Thelma W. Martin: George Almond, Dale Ferguson, Larry Guill, Calvin O'Brien, James Smith, Clarence Smith, George Williams, Harry Williams, Rose Evans, Carolyn Maxwell, Patricia McFadden, Jane Richardson, Doris Thomas.

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Second grade, Mrs. Lou C. Rogers: Alan Booth, Monroe Byers, Cecil Carter, Phillips Carter, Daniel Hamilton, Joe Marshall, James Mann, Robert Williams, David Williams Toni Boyce, Linda Bryant, Beverley Davidson, Michelle Stanley, Betty Trent, Barbara Williamson.

Second grade, Miss Myrtle Smith —Carlton Phillips, John Redding, Darrell Watson, Kathryn Coleman, Wanda Doss, Norma Jean Ferguson, Patricia Maxwell, Priscilla Wooldridge.

First grade, Miss Perezna Coleman: Neal Cabiness, Gary Fleshman, Robert Ferguson, Twynnan Nash, Ray Tweedy, Sharon Johnson, Brenda Mays, Deborah Phelps.

First grade: Mrs. Sallye Martin: Jesse Arthurs, Calvin Hooper, Dale Slough, Tommy Terry, Joseph Kerr, Beth Cravens, Nancy Mann, Clair O'Brien, Bonnie Phelps, Connie Phelps, Maria Lea Wilson.

Gone To The Dog

Catford, England.- The romance of Brenda Stimpson and Geoffrey Freyer has gone to the dogs. Brenda told Geoffrey that she was fed up with his pet greyhound, and told him he must choose between her and the animal The day before the date for the wedding, she received a note from Geoffrey. He said he had decided to choose the dog.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 7.- We have had some real pretty days since April came, but on Sunday morning we had a big white frost. Do hope the fruit isn't all hurt.

We want to welcome to our community Mr and Mrs. T. A. Darense and children, who have moved here from Maryland. They are living in Mrs. P .B .Stratton's house near Stonewall. Hope they will like our community and be happy here.

We want to extend deepest sympathy to Mrs .William Harse and her family in the loss of her mother last week.

Mr and Mrs .Irby Wheeler visited their little grandson, Brad Wheeler in Lynchburg Sunday. Sorry to hear he is on the sick list again. We wish for this dear little boy a speedy get-well.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stratton and son, of Oakville spent Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. E .L. Chick visited their daughter, Mrs. Henry Beard, and her family on Sunday in celebration of Lawrence Beard's birthday, which is tomorrow, April 8. We hope he will have lots more.

Mrs. J. H. Beard is visiting in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Horton and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Epperly and two children, of Richmond, spent Saturday night with her brothers, Herman and George Beard, and visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and family on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs .Tilden Lee and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wheeler on Sunday. Sorry to hear that Mrs. Wheeler is on the sick list. Wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs .Floyde Weidman and girls, of Delaware is visiting her mother, Mrs. R. H .Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carson are on a vacation in South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr .and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr.

Mr .and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and children, of Appomattox, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mrs. W. R. Stratton, of Appomattox visited with relatives here Sunday.

"Flying barrell" helicopter due soon.

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OOPS!

Dallas.- A typographical error sent Dallas City Council candidate Jack Johnson frantically telephoning newspapers recently.

The mistake, in copies of his platform he sent out, left him saying, "I favor excessive and unnecessary spending in Dallas . . . "

Johnson assured newsmen that he meant just the opposite.

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